

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
April 15, 1999

Members Present: William Barnett, III; William Gummerson; Robert Harrell, Jr.; Susan Hoag; Alex Martin; Douglas McTeer; Joel Smith; Henry Spann; Robert Staton; Ronald Townsend; Larry Wilson

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman convened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed members and guests.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 18 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Subcommittee Reports

A. Academic Standards and Assessments

Mr. Wilson reported on the review of the science standards and the efforts to schedule subsequent review and assessments. He also reported on responses to the report cards and the work in refining the prototypes. The staff is working with measurement specialists on the technical models to be used in developing school ratings. He discussed the importance of professional development that supports teachers as they implement the standards.

B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms

Mr. Staton reported on matters that had been discussed at the previous Subcommittee meeting (Teacher Specialist program, the determination of data availability for evaluation of Act 135). He indicated that the Subcommittee had scheduled a full-day work session for June 22 to review EIA/EAA program information.

C. Parent Involvement

Mrs. Bockus reported on behalf of Mr. Bennett. The Task Force is working. The April meetings focus on existing programs and services and the content standards. Members were reminded to reserve the luncheon hour to hear Dr. Joyce Epstein, professor, Johns Hopkins University.

D. Public Awareness

Mr. Smith reported that all proposals were to be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 15. The Subcommittee is meeting on April 23 for a proposal briefing and again on May 18 for selection.

E. Staff and Administration

Mr. Barnett referred members to a series of articles that had appeared in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal. He reminded them that Superintendent Tenenbaum was including them in the Summit on Teacher Quality. He also informed them that Mr. Bennett had been nominated for the Ports Authority.

The retreat is scheduled for July 15-16 (noon to noon).

Dr. Anderson presented the Executive Director's report (attached to meeting materials).

IV. Remarks from a Key Constituency

Dr. Frank Roberson spoke on behalf of the Instructional Roundtable. A copy of his remarks is available in the Committee offices.

Mr. Barnet indicated that the schedule includes remarks from the SCSBA at the May meeting and the Teacher Forum at the June meeting. A panel of principals is to be invited to the August meeting.

Mr. Staton recommended that we invite a group of students to a meeting.

V. Other Business

Mr. McTeer asked for the e-mail addresses of members so that they could be included in the Governor's legislative update.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Barnet thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.